OPINION 1402
BAGRUS BOSC, 1816 (OSTEICHTHYES, SILURIFORMES): CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *Porcus* Etienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1808, is hereby suppressed for the purpose of the Principle of Priority but not for that of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:

(a) *Bagre* Cloquet, 1816 (gender: masculine) type species by absolute tautonymy *Silurus bagre* Linnaeus, 1766;

(b) *Bagrus* Bosc, 1816 (gender: masculine) type species by subsequent designation of Bailey & Stewart, 1983, *Silurus bajad* Forskål, 1775.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *bagre* Linnaeus, 1766, as published in the binomen *Silurus bagre* (specific name of the type species of *Bagre* Cloquet, 1816);

(b) *bajad* Forskål, 1775, as published in the binomen *Silurus bajad* (specific name of the type species of *Bagrus* Bosc, 1816):

(4) The name BAGRIDAE Bleeker, 1858 (type genus, *Bagrus* Bosc, 1816) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

(5) The name *Porcus* Etienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1808, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2371

An application for the conservation of *Bagrus* Bosc, 1816, was first received from Dr R. M. Bailey (*University of Michigan, U.S.A.*) and Dr D. J. Stewart (*Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, U.S.A.*) on 29 January 1980. After a period of correspondence a revised manuscript was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 40, pp. 167–172 (October 1983). Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to ten general and three specialist serials.

A comment giving the dates of some of the names involved was received from Dr W. R. Taylor (*National Museum of Natural History, Washington, U.S.A.*). He also proposed the suppression of *Porcus* Etienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1808 and the placing of *Bagre* Cloquet, 1816 on the Official List, and these suggestions were welcomed by Dr Bailey in a letter of 28 September 1984. Dr Taylor's proposals were published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 42, pp. 14–15.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 17 January 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 40, pp. 170–171, supplemented by those published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 42, pp. 14–15. At the close of the voting period on 17 April 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) recieved in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Savage, Willink, Starobogatov, Alvarado, Schuster, Mroczkowski, Hahn, Kabata, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Lehtinen, Halvorsen, Heppell, Bayer, Dupuis, Bernardi, Cogger, Thompson

Negative Vote — one (1) Ride.

No votes were returned by Corliss, Gruchy and Kraus.

Ride considered that the reasons for the suppression of *Porcus* Etienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1808 were insufficient.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

bagre, Silurus, Linnaeus, 1766, *Systema Naturae*, ed. 12, vol. 1, p. 505
Bagre Cloquet, 1816, *Dictionnaire des sciences naturelles*, vol. 4, pp. 52–53
BAGRIDAE Bleeker, 1858, *Act. Soc. Sci. Indo-Neerl.*, vol. 4, p. 42
Bagrus Bosc, 1816, *Nouveau dictionnaire d'histoire naturelle*, vol. 3, p. 147
bajad, Silurus, Forskål, 1775, *Descriptiones Animalium, avium, amphibiorum, piscum, insectorum, vermium, quae in itinere orientali observavit*, p. 66
Porcus Etienne Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1808, *Description de l'Egypte, ... Histoire Naturelle*, Planches, vol. 1, pl. 15.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1986)1 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1402.

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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
17 April 1986